

Transportation and advise the Secretary on all matters related to the efficient movement of passengers and freight on the Nation's transportation system. The Federal Highway Administration is responsible for implementing a wide range of programs, including the Federal-aid highway program; highway safety programs; motor carrier programs; the federal lands highway program; research and technology; and international programs.

An issue that is on everyone's mind is the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, or ISTEA. The Federal Highway Administration's role is a critical one in helping to implement this landmark legislation. I look forward to working with General Wykle and his staff through the reauthorization process and through the implementation process, once the bill is enacted.

It is incumbent upon the Federal Highway Administrator to protect not only the key Federal role in implementing ISTEA II but also the broad perspective needed to guide the Nation's transportation system into the next century. The enactment of ISTEA in 1991 transformed what was once simply a highway program into a program not only for building roads and bridges but also for enhancing our mobility, our safety, and the environment. In the second ISTEA, we must move forward and strengthen ISTEA's laudable goals of intermodalism, flexibility and efficiency.

I am confident that General Wykle has the experience and the knowledge to lead the Federal Highway Administration through the challenges ahead.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1997

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 31. I further ask that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and that the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2646, the A-Plus Education bill, with the time until 10:30 a.m. being equally divided between Senator COVERDELL and Senator DASCHLE or Senator DASCHLE's designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. GRASSLEY. Tomorrow morning the Senate will begin an hour of debate prior to the cloture vote on H.R. 2646,

the A-Plus Education bill. Therefore, Members can anticipate the first rollcall vote tomorrow at approximately 10:30 a.m. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the Defense Authorization Act Conference Report. Members can anticipate additional procedural votes on that measure.

In addition, the Senate may consider the D.C. appropriations bill, the Amtrak strike resolution, and any additional legislative or executive items that can be cleared. As a reminder to Members, the first rollcall vote tomorrow morning will occur at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 31, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 30, 1997:

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

EDWARD M. GRAMLICH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1994.

ROGER WALTON FERGUSON, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1986.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CHARLES N. JEFFRESS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KENNETH R. WYKLE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

JUDICIARY

MARY ANN COHEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE U.S. TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER SHE TAKES OFFICE.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARGARET ANN HAMBURG, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

STANFORD G. ROSS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DAVID W. WILCOX, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

JOHN E. MANSFIELD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 18, 2001.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

THE JUDICIARY

CHARLES J. SIRAGUSA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. STEWART E. CRANSTON, 8502.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES P. CZEKANSKI, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. RENDELL F. CLARK, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. WILFRED HESSERT, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. THEODORE F. MALLORY, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. LORAN C. SCHNAIDT, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JAMES E. WHINNERY, 0000.

To be brigadier general

COL. GARRY S. BAHLING, 0000.
COL. DAVID A. BEASLEY, 0000.
COL. JACKSON L. DAVIS, III, 0000.
COL. DAVID R. HUDLET, 0000.
COL. KARL W. KRISTOFF, 0000.
COL. JOHN A. LOVE, 0000.
COL. CLARK W. MARTIN, 0000.
COL. ROBERT P. MEYER, JR., 0000.
COL. JOHN H. OLDFIELD, JR., 0000.
COL. EUGENE A. SCHMITZ, 0000.
COL. JOSEPH K. SIMEONE, 0000.
COL. DALE K. SNIDER, JR., 0000.
COL. EMMETT R. TITSHAW, 0000.
COL. EDWARD W. TONINI, 0000.
COL. GILES E. VANDERHOOF, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be general

L.T. GEN. JOHN A. GORDON, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. PAUL A. WEAVER, JR., 0000.

To be brigadier general

COL. CRAIG R. MCKINLEY, 0000.
COL. KENNETH J. STROMQUIST, JR., 0000.
COL. JAY W. VAN PELT, 0000.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be general

L.T. GEN. PETER J. SCHOOMAKER, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. LARRY R. JORDAN, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. FLETCHER C. COKER, JR., 0000.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. PHILLIP M. BALISLE, 0000.
CAPT. KENNETH E. BARBOR, 0000.
CAPT. LARRY C. BAUCOM, 0000.
CAPT. ROBERT E. BESAL, 0000.
CAPT. JOSEPH D. BARNES, 0000.
CAPT. JOSEPH A. CARNEVALE, JR., 0000.
CAPT. JAY M. COHEN, 0000.
CAPT. CHRISTOPHER W. COLE, 0000.
CAPT. DAVID R. ELLISON, 0000.
CAPT. LILLIAN E. FISHBURN, 0000.
CAPT. RAND H. FISHER, 0000.
CAPT. ALAN M. GEMMILL, 0000.
CAPT. DAVID T. HART, JR., 0000.
CAPT. KENNETH P. HEINGARTNER, 0000.
CAPT. JOSEPH G. HENRY, 0000.
CAPT. GERALD L. HOEWING, 0000.
CAPT. MICHAEL L. HOLMES, 0000.
CAPT. EDWARD E. HUNTER, 0000.
CAPT. THOMAS J. JURKOWSKY, 0000.
CAPT. WILLIAM R. KLEMM, 0000.
CAPT. MICHAEL D. MALONE, 0000.
CAPT. WILLIAM J. MARSHALL III, 0000.
CAPT. PETER W. MARZLUFF, 0000.
CAPT. JAMES D. MCARTHUR, JR., 0000.